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For : RELAY SERVER, RELAY SERVER SERVICE MANAGEMENT METHOD,
SERVICE PROVIDING SYSTEM AND PROGRAM

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was previously filed on September 2, 2005, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner a Chinese Office Action dated October 17, 2008 with respect to patent family member Chinese Patent Application No. 200480001509.2, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) US 2002/0010785; and
- (2) CN 1232218 A, which is a patent family member of US 5987502.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the Chinese claims by the Chinese Examiner, is set forth in the Chinese Office Action.

Applicant notes that above-noted document (1) is a patent family member of JP 2002-032216 A, which was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 2, 2005.

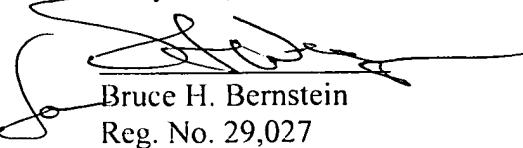
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted Chinese document is attached hereto, and all of above-noted documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Chinese Office Action is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, Applicant hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, and thus no fee is required to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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